

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A data carrier having a first side and a second side, said data carrier comprising:

at least one printed area produced by intaglio printing on the first side and having a tactile perceptibility; and [,.]

a film applied on the first side and partly covering said printed area characterized in that the printed area is partly covered with a film, wherein the film is applied such that the tactile perceptibility of the intaglio printing is maintained.

2. (Original) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the printed area additionally comprises a blind-embossed area.

3. (Original) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein at least one partial area of the non-covered printed area is tactilely perceptible.

4. (Original) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the film has at least one gap in the area of the printed area.

5. (Original) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the printed area covered with the film has a not very pronounced surface relief.
6. (Original) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the data carrier is an identification document.
7. (Original) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the film has holographic embossed structures.
8. (Original) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the film has a thickness of less than 20 .mu.m.
9. (Original) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the printed area has a finely structured pattern.
10. (Original) A data carrier according to claim 1, wherein the printed area has a pattern which extends essentially seamlessly between the area covered with film and the uncovered area.
11. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a data carrier having a printed area produced by intaglio printing and partly covered with a film, comprising the following steps:

~~providing a substrate~~ at least partly printing on a ~~[[the]]~~ substrate by intaglio printing, said intaglio printing producing a printed area having a tactile perceptibility; and
applying a film to the substrate so as to partly cover the area executed by intaglio printing, wherein the film is applied such that the tactile perceptibility of the intaglio printing is maintained.

12. (Original) The data carrier of claim 9, wherein said finally structured pattern comprises guilloches.